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SUBJ: NSF/SFCP: VISIT OF SELIM SELCUK

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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN SELCUK VISIT AND HAS MADE RESERVATIONS
HE REQUESTED AT HILTON FOR NIGHTS OF AUGUST 15-19. EMBASSY DRIVER
WILL MEET.

2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EXTENSIVE NSF COMMENTS IN STATE 192717
IN RESPECT TO COMPLAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOT DECISION TO TERMINATE
SOUTH CAROLINA PROJECT. THESE WILL BE USEFUL IN REPLYING TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY. HOWEVER, WHATEVER MERITS OF CASE, WE REMAIN SKEPTICAL
ON POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING GOT DECISION TO TERMINATE. IN ANY EVENT,
WE ARE PLEASED THAT GRADUATE STUDENTS APPARENTLY WILL BE ABLE TO
COMPLETE FIELD WORK FOR THIS SUMMER SEASON WITH DEPARTURES NOW
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 9, 15 AND 20.

3. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
KANES JULY 29, WE CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSOR
SCHAMEL ON NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS RELATED
TO PROJECT CLOSE-DOWN BUT ALSO PERTINENT TO ANY
POSSIBLE CONTINUATION. SCHAMEL WAS AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE
BUT, LACKING BACKGROUND OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AND
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IN ABSENCE OF PROJECT FILES (PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR
AZZOUZ WAS IN HAMAMMET AND DID NOT MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE
FOR INTERVIEW), HE COULD NOT PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION
AND GUIDANCE WE HAD ASKED. A NUMBER OF LOOSE ENDS
REMAIN. WE HOPE SELCUK WILL COME ARMED WITH INVENTORY
OF PROJECT PROPERTY INCLUDING FURNITURE IN APARTMENT
(SCHAMEL NOT CERTAIN WHICH OWNED BY PROJECT AND WHICH

BY AZZOUZ) AND KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT'S DINAR ACCOUNT SO
THAT APPROPRIATE DISPOSITIONS AND VERIFICATIONS CAN BE
MADE.

4. IF SELCUK DESIRES, SCHAMEL IS PREPARED TO RETURN FROM
GERMANY AFTER AUGUST 15 FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT
OFFICALS, ASSUMING LATTER AGREE TO MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE.
(SCHAMEL TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BUT WE AWAIT SELCUK'S ADVICE TO
TICKET). WE BELIEVE SCHAMEL'S RETURN COULD BE USEFUL BUT, FOR
A PROJECT CLOSE-DOWN, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO
HAVE SOUTH CAROLINA REPRESENTATIVE FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE
ON LOGISTICAL AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY
ARRANGEMENTS WITH AZZEDDINE AZZOUZ.
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